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Notre Dame

Prière à La Vierge

Je suis tout dans sa dépendance
Pour mieux dépendre du Sauveur.
Laissant tout à sa Providence:
Mon corps, mon âme et mon bonheur.

Je fais tout en Elle et par Elle
C'est un secret de sainteté,
Pour être à Dieu toujours fidèle,
Pour faire en tout sa volonté.

Bx. de Montfort

NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL, SOUTHBRIDGE,

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Foreword

"Finem coronat opus" As a star climaxes his career in the finale of his greatest play, we, the Seniors of Notre Dame's class of '53, pour into this publication of l'Etoile far more than words and photos can express. L'Etoile, star of the morn', has guided us from our first days as High School students. We wish our Yearbook to be an expression of deep and sincere gratitude:—gratitude to our dear Sister Superior to whom this year's publication of l'Etoile is dedicated; gratitude to our teachers for patience, both untiring and admirable, for solicitude so helpful; gratitude to one another for making this year our happiest as a class with a "homey" atmosphere; and last but far from least, gratitude to our Alma Mater, for memoirs that will always warm the hearts of each and everyone of us, Seniors of '53.

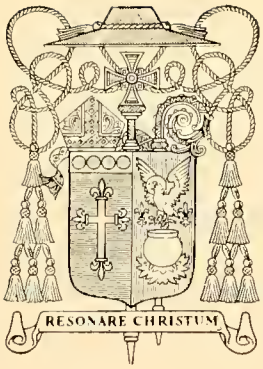
As you, dear reader, whoever you may be, turn the pages of this volume, you will find embedded there, the reason why leaving our dear Alma Mater creates such an emptiness in our hearts. Realize for one moment what we are leaving . . . a devoted administration, true friends, and a spirit that has been part of us through our High School career.

We, Graduates of '53, sincerely regard this volume as a climax and finale of our lives as High School students. In it we have gathered all the souvenirs and reminiscences which we will cherish and regard highly in the album of our prized possessions because these represent truly the best years of our lives.

François Trahan, '53



HIS EXCELLENCY MOST REVEREND JOHN J. WRIGHT, D.D.
Bishop of Worcester



Hommages à Notre Evêque

A vous, Excellence, le premier hommage des gradués de 1953.

Ange de la belle et vigoureuse Eglise de Worcester, avec le zèle célébré dans les Saints Livres et qui plaît à Dieu.

vous opérez sur les destinées de votre diocèse,

vous veillez sur la sécurité et le bien de chacune des âmes à vous confiées de par votre mission apostolique.

Pasteur et Père, vous voulez garder vos enfants hors des atteintes du malheur, loin des sentiers battus de la médiocrité. Or, parmi les périls qui guettent la génération actuelle, il en est un terrible de conséquence: le danger de SAVOIR MAL! Vous l'appréhendez ce péril, Excellence, et vous avez compris qu'il faut procurer à la jeunesse un premier instrument de connaissance, c'est-à-dire, une parfaite acquisition de sa langue maternelle, pour préparer les luttes à venir, et conserver l'héritage des aïeux.

En l'occurence, pour les Franco-Américains, une étude sérieuse de la langue s'imposait; vu que ici comme ailleurs "tout corps est attiré vers la terre par sa pesanteur," vous nous avez demandé de réagir dans le sens d'un effort vers le perfectionnement de notre français, cet outil naturel d'une culture plus poussée.

Et vous servez vous-même de modèle, car vous vous payez le luxe de parler plusieurs langues.

La jeunesse étudiante de 1953 n'oubliera jamais le geste bienveillant et spontané qui vous a amené à Southbridge pour présider à la bénédiction des classes nouvelles.

D'un esprit largement ouvert — et qui suit les impulsions d'un coeur embrasé de charité pour tout un peuple, vous concevez des projets superbes en vue de l'éducation supérieure de la jeunesse que vous aimez tant et dont vous souhaitez l'ascension complète et certaine, dans tous les domaines. Franchement, l'élément franco-américain de votre diocèse vous devra de porter plus haut la fidélité à ses origines spirituelles.

Et notre terre d'Amérique sera glorifiée par les dicts et gestes des évêques de la sainte Eglise Romaine — ces hommes guidés par l'Esprit, qui ont la véritable intelligence des races diverses formant la grande et forte nation américaine.

Vivez longtemps, Excellence, portant courageusement et noblement la houlette du Pasteur que le Ciel a déposée entre vos mains puissantes et secourables!

C'est le souhait reconnaissant des jeunes gradués de 1953 à l'Ecole Supérieure Notre-Dame de Southbridge — souhait qu'ils scellent d'une prière fervente:

"Stet Et Pascat In Fortitudine Tua, Domine,
In Sublimitate Nominis Tui"



REVERENDE SOEUR STE-ANNE, A.S.V.

Dédicace

En reconnaissance du travail incessant déployé, ici, à Notre-Dame de Southbridge, pendant les six années de votre féconde administration, nous vous dédions, vénérée et bien chère Soeur Supérieure, notre Album-Souvenir, "L'Etoile."

Nous garderons douce mémoire des cérémonies organisées en l'honneur du Sacré-Coeur et de la Très Sainte Vierge, des neuvaines mariales mensuelles pour le recrutement des vocations sacerdotales et religieuses.

Les membres du Glee Club n'oublieront jamais qu'ils doivent à votre zèle inlassable le succès retentissant de leur récent concert.

Et que dire des récompenses spéciales données, afin d'encourager l'étude de notre belle langue française!

Tous vos bienfaits — il serait trop long de les énumérer — sont inscrits dans nos coeurs et appellent sur vous, vénérée Soeur Supérieure, les meilleures bénédictions du ciel.

Claire Robert

In Memoriam



REV. SOEUR ST-JEAN-BAPTISTE-DE-LA-SALLE

"Soeur St-Jean-Baptiste-de-la-Salle n'est plus. Elle nous a quittés l'autre jour, sans bruit, tout doucement, comme elle avait vécu. Venue à l'école Notre-Dame de Southbridge dès 1903, elle allait initier aux études primaires sa troisième génération d'enfants lorsqu'elle se retira de l'enseignement, à l'été de 1946. . . .

"Donc, il y a six ans, Soeur St-Jean-Baptiste fut mise à sa retraite, continuant toujours de vaquer à ses devoirs de sacristine; fonctions qu'elle avait assumées dès son arrivée à Southbridge . . .

"Elle savait bien qu'au service des saints autels on est plus près de Celui qui fortifie. Aussi fut-elle toujours dans le 'climat' propice à l'épanouissement des grandes vertus. Sa personne était comme saturée de cette atmosphère de prédilection. Bien plus, elle la faisait rayonner autour d'elle et la communiquait à son entourage. On ne l'a jamais vue, par exemple, sans son sourire. Ce sourire calme et vainqueur qui n'était pas un masque mais qui avait plutôt son point de départ dans les profondeurs de son âme . . .

"Son influence sur la plupart de ses élèves fut grande et durable. Témoin, ces grands enfants qui, devenus pères et mères de familles, ne cessaient de profiter de ses conseils et de ses encouragements. Rien d'étonnant alors que l'église Notre-Dame se soit remplie à déborder, le jour des funérailles . . .

"Les restes mortels de Soeur St-Jean-Baptiste ont été inhumés au cimetière des Soeurs de l'Assomption de la Sainte Vierge, à Nicolet. Tout est très bien ainsi. Après avoir lié sa vie à la Nouvelle-Angleterre, elle rattache sa mort à la Nouvelle-France. Personne ne devrait être jaloux. Si nous avons eu la meilleure part, c'est probablement parce que nous, les Franco-Américains, nous avions plus besoin d'elle que les Canadiens français et qu'elle eut pitié de nous."

De Désormeaux

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Administration



MONSEIGNEUR JEAN-BAPTISTE LAMOTHE, P.D.
Curé de la Paroisse Notre Dame

Message de Monsieur le Curé

Notre Dame, Southbridge, Mass.

Mes chers Gradués:

L'année 1953 nous a donné de grandes consolations. J'attribue le grand succès de notre école supérieure au bon esprit manifesté pendant l'année scolaire, à la grande dévotion envers Notre Dame du Sacré Coeur. Nous sommes très reconnaissants à notre cher Evêque pour ses encouragements. A nos gradués nos félicitations, nos meilleurs souhaits. A chacun je dis: "Aime Dieu et va ton chemin."

Avec affection,

Jean-B. Lamothe, Curé.



REV. GERARD A. LUCIER



REV. RAYMOND J. PAGE



REV. EDGAR A. PELLETIER

Our Curates

Many a pleasant picture flashes upon the screen of memory as we prepare to leave dear Notre Dame after four years of education and formation. A deep flow of gratitude issues from our hearts as departing Seniors, as students, as friends, and as spiritual children. Under each and every one of these titles we could find a special way to thank you, dear Curates. As Seniors: we will always cherish the memories of all that you have done for us in your own little way through those four years — things to which we paid little attention at the time. As students: for the interest you have taken in our education and for the interest shown to us while we were groping for our future vocation, we thank you. As friends: for the considerable amount of time and thought spent to make us clean-living and fun-loving men and women, we convey our gratitude. In these years habits were formed and it was your guidance, through friendship, that assured them the quality of good. As spiritual children: for the advice and counsel given us through our difficult years of adolescence and maturation and for the patience shown us while struggling through these years, again we thank you. Truly we can thank you for making us spiritual children of our Almighty Father.

There are innumerable instances and countless actions for which we could thank you individually. Father Lucier, your interest in the activities of the Biology class, encouraged the class to show a greater appreciation of that science.

The members of the Sodality of the Children of Mary will not soon forget those words of advice which you gave them as their Chaplain.

Every person who enjoys sports at Notre Dame has particularly to thank you, Father Pelletier. Though years may pass, every time we read or hear anything pertaining to the sports program at our Alma Mater, the thought of you and of your initiative will always be in the back of our minds as the "Father of Sports at Notre Dame."

"L'Etoile" would not be, if it were not for your interest in us, Father Page. The many hours of planning which you have so generously granted were appreciated and welcomed. "L'Etoile" is a tribute to you, Father, a tribute which in our hearts will never fade. This volume is priceless in dear memories, and the fact that it is a reality is due to your encouragement and guidance as Moderator.

Yes, dear Curates, you are friends, advisors, and guardians but we must never forget that primarily, you are priests, instruments of God. It is by your consecrated hands that we receive our Lord in Holy Communion, that we are absolved of our sins in the confessional, and thus brought closer to God — and for this especially, we will be eternally grateful.

François Trahan, '53.



De gauche à droite: Soeurs Louis-Hector, Eustelle-de-l'Eucharistie, Marie-de-Montfort, Bernadette-Marie.

Nos

Au moment de quitter pour toujours notre chère Ecole Notre-Dame, instinctivement, nous jetons un regard rétrospectif sur les années vécues dans cette enceinte bénie, devenue pour nous comme un second foyer, tant nous en avons apprécié l'ambiance salutaire.

Douze années se sont écoulées depuis le jour où nos bons parents conscients de leur responsabilité et soucieux de nous favoriser d'une éducation et d'une instruction à la fois Chrétiennes et soignées, nous confiaient à vous, religieuses de l'Assomption de la Sainte-Vierge.

Leurs espérances n'ont pas été vaines; car, en chacune de vous, nous avons trouvé la Maîtresse idéale, éprise du désir de former nos coeurs à la vertu, tout en inculquant à nos intelligences les éléments du savoir.



De gauche à droit: Soeurs Marie-de-Lourdes, Elisabeth-de-Hongrie, Marie-de-la-Réparation, Saint-Jean-du-Cénacle.

Maîtresses

Combien vous nous avez été bonnes et dévouées! Votre compréhension de la jeunesse a fait que nous allions à vous dans tous nos problèmes et toujours votre habileté, enrichie d'une sympathie profonde, savait trouver l'encourageante solution.

Qu'il nous soit permis, chères et bonnes Maîtresses, de vous exprimer, à cette heure solennelle du départ, notre profonde et durable reconnaissance!

Sans doute, nos études secondaires sont terminées; mais ce qui demeurera éternellement en nous, c'est l'impression si vive de foi, de vertu et de fidélité au devoir que nous avons reçue, ici, à Notre-Dame.

Puisse le Dieu des Educateurs vous bénir, chères Maîtresses, et nous réunir tous un jour dans son beau ciel où les tristes adieux de la terre sont transformés en joies radieuses des éternels revoirs.

Prudence Gatineau, '53.

NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL, SOUTHBRIDGE,

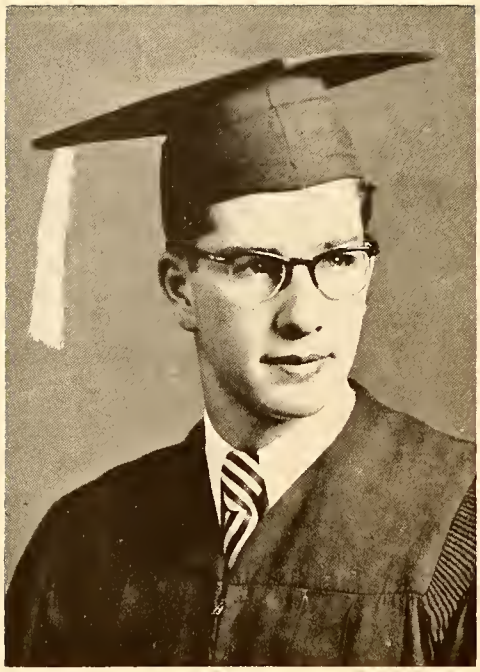


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Seniors



FRANCOIS TRAHAN
President



JEANNETTE BEAUDRY
Vice-President

Senior Class Officers



CLAIRE ROBERT
Secretary



PRUDENCE GATINEAU
Treasurer



Merci, Monsieur le Curé

Monseigneur,

Permettez-nous de vous exprimer les sentiments de respect et d'affection qui débordent de nos coeurs. Oui, cher Monsieur le Curé, c'est avec une joie bien vive que nous nous souvenons de vos visites hebdomadaires si bien appréciées de tous. Ces discours que vous avez artistement rendus, mais d'une manière si naturelle et originelle aussi, ont été pour nous un véritable délice en autant qu'ils nous ont servi de sujet de méditation pour les mois et les années qui ont suivi et qui suivront.

Jamais vous nous avez refusé quelque chose, vénéré Père. Ne croyez pas que nous oublierons aussitôt toutes ces démonstrations bienveillantes. Plus tard, nous y penserons à ces jours remémoratifs, et vos avis nous reviendront, un par un. Là, nous verrons la franche vérité de vos mots, quand vous nous disiez que plus tard nous vous dirions "merci." Mais, laissons là le futur. C'est maintenant, aujourd'hui, que nous voulons vous exprimer notre gratitude — gratitude qui se manifeste non seulement à cette occasion, mais toujours par des prières ferventes adressées au ciel à vos plus chères intentions.

Vos gradués de 1953.





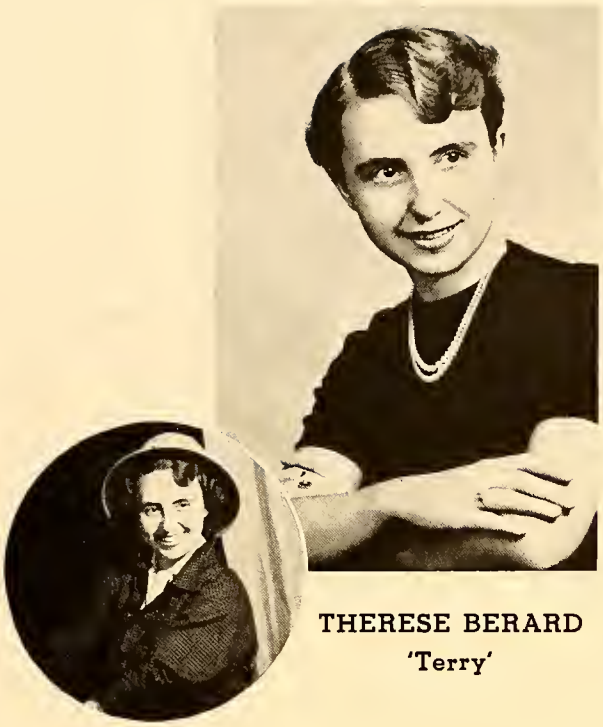
JEANNETTE BEAUDRY

'Jeanne'

"Blushing is virtue's colour"

As calm as a painted ship on a painted ocean . . . Able Vice-President of the Senior Class .. . Associate Editor of our Yearbook . . . Member of N. D. H. S. Glee Club for two years . . . Will major in English . . . Sister Marie-de-Lourdes' little messenger . . . Has a yearn for Assumption High . . . Wonder why? . . . Hobby: dancing . . . Twins are her weakness . . . Always ready to help . . . Loves popular music . . . Modest . . . Jeannette, may success crown everyone of your noble undertakings.

Yvette Lapierre, '53.



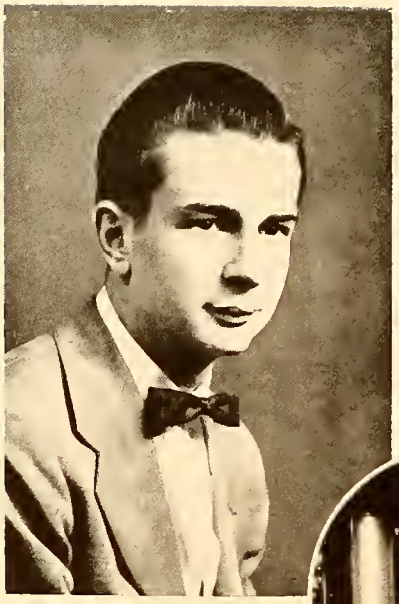
THERESE BERARD

'Terry'

"A carefree heart is a happy heart"

Reliable jukebox player for the Senior dances . . . Able librarian of her Junior Year . . . Glee Club member in her freshman and sophomore years . . . Member of the Social Committee . . . Good helper of the Prom Committee in her Junior Year . . . Likes to argue with anybody . . . Favorite dish: Spaghetti . . . Member on the Business Staff of "l'Etoile" . . . Favorite sport: basketball . . . Loves to dance . . . Someday hopes to meet that certain "fella" . . . Pastime: eating candy at Chick's instead of working . . . A yen to become a hairdresser someday . . . Pet Peeve: Filing . . . "May Mother Mary always guide her through life."

Yvette Courtemanche, '53.





REAL BRUNELLE
'Ray'

"A bit of humor doth a man good"

Great nature lover and biologist . . . Favorite subject: "trig" . . . French teacher's pet . . . Favorite pastime: eating . . . Willing to work anywhere where food can be found . . . One of the clowns of the Senior Class . . . Would like to attend Holy Cross College to further his studies in biology . . . Embodies the hopes of Coach Eddy Julien's pitching staff . . . The candid eye of his camera has captured many an interesting snapshot toward the success of this year's publication of "l'Etoile" . . . Ray, it is said that clowns have happy faces and bright hearts but also a great understanding of life and human nature. So keep your humor but never forget your sense of responsibility.

Gérard Robert, '53.



YVETTE COURTEMANCHE

'Short-Sleeve'

"A happy heart makes a blooming visage"

Able President in her Junior Year . . . Member of the Social Committee and class chairman of the Prom Committee . . . Report typist for a certain student at a certain Worcester College . . . Loves dancing . . . Representative of the school at the Red Cross in her Freshman and Sophomore Years . . . Pet Peeve: back talk . . . Hobby: eating candy at Chick's while she supposedly is working . . . Favorite expression: "Ye Gads" . . . Her most cherished dream is to become a Registered Nurse . . . Lucky will be the patients entrusted to her care! Yvette, may Mary be your guiding light and lead you through life.

Marie-Ange Laflèche, '53.





PRUDENCE GATINEAU
'Prudy'

"A grain of prudence is worth a pound of craft"

Charming, quiet girl . . . A true friend to everyone . . . has a great desire for higher learning . . . plans to become a Medical Technician . . . Our reliable class treasurer . . . Assistant Business Manager of our Yearbook . . . Always discriminately dressed . . . Hobby: reading and playing piano . . . Loves liverwurst sandwiches . . . Never fails in whatever she undertakes . . . May you find happiness and contentment in whatever you do, Prudy!

Thérèse Miller, '53.



MARIE-ANGE LAFLECHE
'Toots'

"Deserve success and you shall command it"

Nice, friendly, cooperative girl . . . Very capable Business Manager of "l'Etoile" . . . Vice-President in her Junior Year . . . Member of Prom Committee . . . Whiz in Bookkeeping . . . Won a Bookkeeping Award in November, '52 . . . Will be remembered by Sister Marie-de-la-Réparation for her "repeated" recitations of "Le Chêne et le Roseau" . . . Longs for square dances . . . Favorite saying: "You clip, you" . . . Sister Estelle begins our English class at 7:50 but for Marie . . . well . . . "Better late than never" . . . May your future years bring success and happiness, Marie-Ange.

André Poirier, '53.



YVETTE LAPIERRE

'Beth'

"A quiet tongue shows a wise head"

Kind and considerate is Yvette . . . Always willing to take speed in typing . . . Sister John's pet . . . Hobby: dancing . . . Favorite saying: "Oh, Brother!" . . . Pet Peeve: taking pills, but what they can do for you, eh, Yvette? . . . "Belle of Dairy Spot" . . . Cute Captain of the Cheerleaders for Basketball . . . Still giving all her hope, in summertime, for the Red Sox . . . Majored in commercial subjects . . . In all your undertakings, may Mother Mary be with you and guide you, Yvette.

Rachel Pleau, '53.



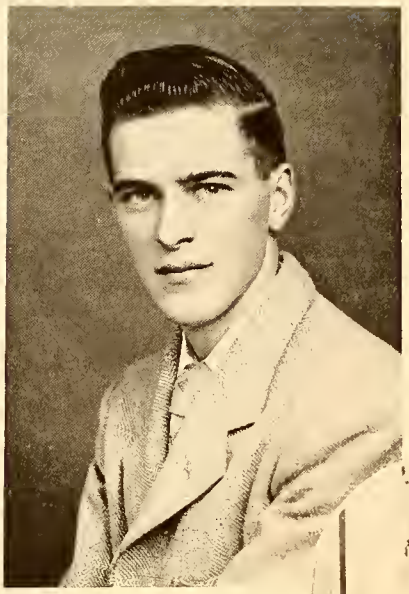


THERESE MILLER
'Thres' 'Terry'

"A little body often harbours a great soul"

Small, but how dear to us is Terry . . . Our class Secretary in her Junior Year . . . Favorite subject: English . . . Contributed many creative ideas as a member of the Prom Committee . . . For three years she lent her mellow voice to the Glee Club . . . Associate Editor of "l'Etoile" . . . Entertained at the Franco-American Music Festival in Worcester . . . Nightingale of the Senior Class . . . Lover of good music and of the beautiful . . . In her Junior and Senior Year "Thres" exerted herself on the basketball floor as a member of the Blue and White Cheering Squad . . . We'll always remember you exclaiming "Oh! how I love trig" . . . Thérèse, may life be so good to you that there will always be laughter in your eyes and music in your heart.

Prudence Gatineau, '53.





ROGER O'BRIEN
'O'B'

"A misty morning may have a fine day"

Hats off to that heroic boy who alone faced a sea of blondes and brunettes as his classmates . . . However, in the course of the following two years, four more stalwarts joined him! . . . Freshman Treasurer . . . Social Committee . . . Able Sports Editor of "l'Etoile" . . . Romantic type . . . "My passion are cats" . . . "Legs" . . . Business before school . . . Hot rod with a love for fancy cars . . . Always ready for a good time . . . Executive from the A & P . . . Baseball and basketball player for dear old N. D. . . . Fred Astaire has nothing over him . . . Pet Peeve: home assignments . . . Always well provided with those handy greenbacks, but fears not to part with them . . . famous saying: "It's for the birds" . . . Dear 'O'B,' always be the jovial chap that you have been all the time we've known you.

Réal Brunelle, '53.

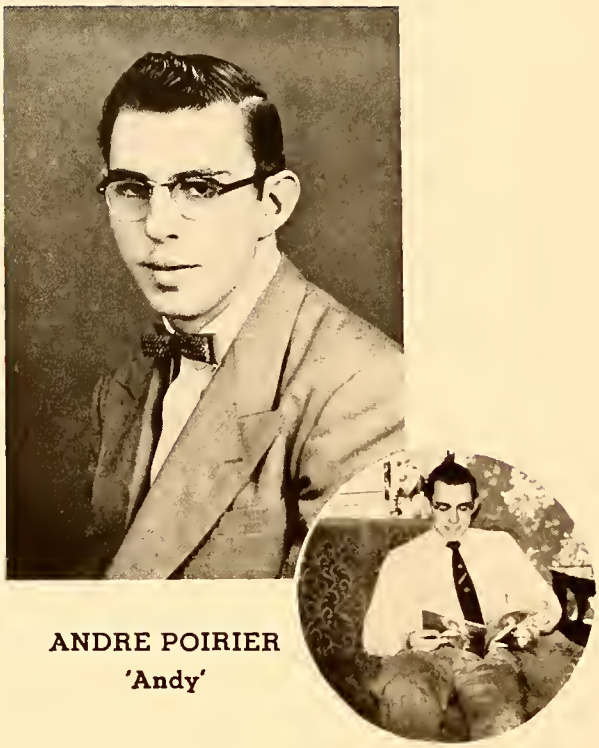


RACHEL PLEAU
'Dimples Rae'

"A maid that laughs is half taken"

Our Junior Class Treasurer . . . Ardent member of the Glee Club for three years . . . Pet Peeve: Being called "Dimples" although she is charmingly endowed with them . . . Hobby: loves to cook and handles the broom and dust-mop with the greatest of ease and enthusiasm . . . Many a time the classroom owed its tidiness to Rachel! . . . Her one desire is to major in English . . . "May I have an olive" . . . Prom Committee . . . Quite an exceptional typist . . . Rachel, whatever you do always stay as cheerful and as sweet as you are now.

Jeannette Beaudry, '53.

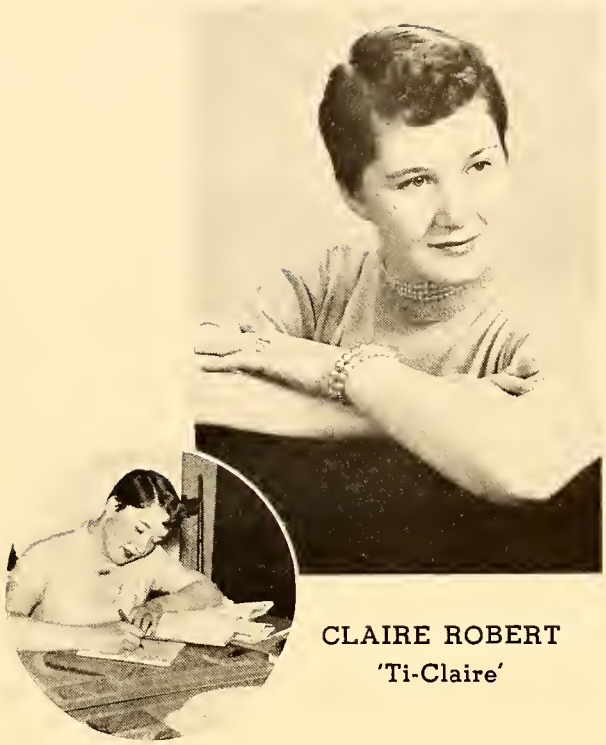


ANDRE POIRIER
'Andy'

"A friend in need is a friend indeed"

One of the "Big Five" . . . Hoop star . . . Home run king . . . "Sorry, Sister, I couldn't get the car started" . . . Why can't I drop algebra?" . . . Will major in French . . . We'll miss those drafty rides . . . Who'll drive Sam's truck now? . . . Confirmed politician . . . Noisy in a crowd . . . Andy, if you ever forget what you learned in school, remember your Aunt is a wonderful teacher! . . . You have the makings of a real pro basketball player, Andy; here's hoping you can someday show George Mikan . . . May you always keep your eye on the ball and your heart with your Lord.

Claire Robert, '53.



CLAIRE ROBERT
'Ti-Claire'

"A carefree heart is a cheerful heart"

Capable President in her Freshman and Sophomore Years . . . Member of the Social Committee in her Junior Year . . . Reliable Secretary in her Senior Year . . . Delegate for the Junior Red Cross in her Freshman, Sophomore, Junior and Senior Years . . . Member of the Glee Club throughout her four years . . . Competed in the "Bishop Wright Declamation Contest" three times, and as a result won a trophy in her Sophomore and Senior Years . . . Literary Editor of "l'Etoile" . . . Loves to dance . . . Favorite expression: "alrighty" . . . Well dressed . . . Has many talents . . . Pet Peeve: "people that brag" . . . Favorite dish: spaghetti . . . May our Blessed Mother Mary keep you loving and lovable as we have known you, and help you realize your noble ideal. More power to you, Claire.

Thérèse Bérard, '53.

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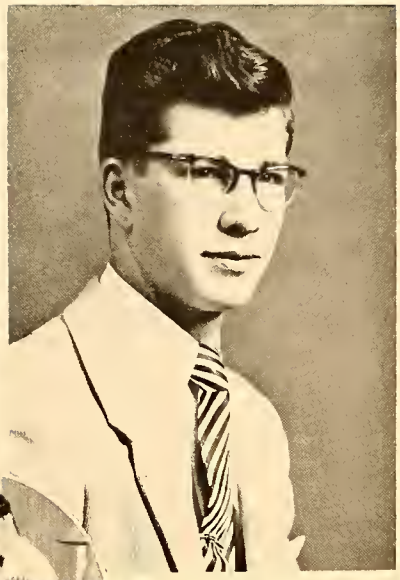


GERARD ROBERT
'Gerry'

"Nature is the source of God's beauty"

Gerry . . . the innocent one . . . Came to Notre Dame High in his Junior Year . . . Whiz kid in French . . .quite the boy in Geometry in Sister Elizabeth's big class of two . . . craves for the outdoor life . . . The woods are his castle . . . The trees, his sires . . When he has a gun, lookout, pesty inhabitants of the woods, for his deadly aim . . . Soldier boy . . . Member of the Mass. National Guard . . . If you have to go help Uncle Sam, finish this war . . . Use that hunting aim . . . One of Sister Marie-de-Montfort's favorite basses . . . Helps the Glee Club in which he has been a member for two years . . . Member of the Social Committee in his Senior Year . . . Gerry, with that winning personality, you cannot help being a success in life. So to you we wish the best of luck.

François Trahan, 53.





FRANCOIS TRAHAN
'Frank'

"Happy-Go-Lucky"

Best friend anyone could have . . . He'd give you the shirt off his back . Full of jokes . . . Can give it out and can also take it . . . A referee? . . . Always has money for a good cause . . . Pet Peeve: lazy people . . . Once in a while he acts punchy . . . He injected vim and vigor into the class when he joined it in his Junior Year . . . Member of the Glee Club . . . Captain of the 'Varsity baseball team . . . Also appointed to represent the school at Boy's State Convention at the University of Massachusetts . . . In his Senior Year he was President of the class . . . Semi-finalist in the Bishop Wright Declamation Contest . . . Representative of our school for Student Government Day at the State House in Boston . . . Last but not least . . . He wielded the pen and the staff as Editor of the Yearbook . . . Hopes to attend a Technical Institute to become an engineer . . . Good luck, Frank, and may God be with you . . . You'll hurdle over the obstacles on the rough journey through life.

Roger O'Brien, '53.

NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL, SOUTHBRIDGE,









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Underclassmen



Junior Class

First row, left:—Raymond Desrosiers, Normand Jalbert, Anne Trudeau, Jacqueline Bergeron, Shirley Therrien.
Second row, left:—Daniel Yvon, June Proulx, Jeanne Lacasse, Joan LaRochelle, Theresa Fortin.
Third row, left:—Joan Paquin, Claudette Trahan, Constance Langlois, Marguerite Gervais, Carmen Gendreau.
Fourth row, left:—Jeannine Blanchette, Sylvia Beaudry, Joanne Roy, Laura Bachand, Alice Bélanger.
Fifth row, left:—Lucille Martel, Doris Martel, Sylvia Marand, and Pauline Champigny.



JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS
Left to right:—Sylvia Beaudry, treasurer; Constance Langlois, vice-president; Laura Bachand, secretary; Raymond Desrosiers, president.

Junior Class History

Juniors at last! What a wonderful feeling we had as we all entered the imposing portals of Notre Dame High School for another scholastic year.

We regret to say that we lost two girls in our Junior year. Miss Irène Allard left us at the beginning of the year. Miss Evelyn Bourgeois left us to join the Holy Sisterhood. Good luck to both of you and we extend our sincere wishes for happiness to you, Evélyn, in your new field of life. God bless you.

But, who's this newcomer? Yes, Normand Jalbert is now a member of our Junior Class and completes our "little trinity" of boys. May you reflect a bit of the Blessed Trinity, Normand, Ray Desrosiers, and Dan Yvon.

Those chosen to regulate the laws in our Class were: Raymond Desrosiers as mighty President, Constance Langlois as capable Vice-President, Laura Bachand as sophisticated Secretary, and Sylvia Beaudry as desirous Treasurer.

Those appointed to the Social Committee were veterans from last year, namely: Jeannine Blanchet, Constance Langlois, Joan Paquin, and Laura Bachand. The committee has done wonders, contributing to the high renown of the Notre Dame dances and social events. The rest of the members in our Class were wonderful in that their spirit never failed whenever co-operation was asked of them.

Talking about spirit! Did you all notice the colossal spirit that shone from the boys in our Junior Class? We are very proud to say that two boys from our "little trinity" are members of the varsity team: Sure-Shot Dan Yvon, and "Tricky Boy" Ray Desrosiers. Dan and Ray have a promising future ahead if they take advantage of—, But, boys, don't forget, the girls are forming a team that's promising also. Watch out! !

Two spectacular events have occurred in the delirious month of March: the receiving of our Alma Mater ring and the successful concert.

I wish I could forsee the future in order to tell you about our preparation for the Senior Prom and the delightful welcome of the Junior-Senior Banquet.

And now for the denouement of our Class History. The key to this door of joy and friendship is composed of Nuns, Priests, and God. These wonderful helpers of God are the ones to be thanked for everything and so we say "THANK YOU," diligent Sisters. Honorable mention goes to our inspiring home-room teach, Sister Marie-de-la-Réparation. And our gratitude to you, too, remarkably tireless Priests of the parish and our beloved Monseigneur J. B. Lamothe and above all, "DEO GRATIAS."

Laura Bachand, '54.



Sophomore Class

First row, left to right:—Rita Roy, Yvette Blanchette, Anita Bergeron, Victor Despres, Laurence Lavigueur, Paul Bergeron,
Second row, left to right:—Joyce Cormier, Dolores Racicot, Marie Haling, Laurent Bourbeau, Roland Boisvert, Arthur Rousseau.
Third row, left to right:—Anne Leduc, Theresa Julian, Claudette Ouellette, Roger Brousseau, Jean Seguin, Bernard Robert.
Fourth row, left to right:—Pauline Courtemanche, Madeleine Cournoyer, Jacqueline Seguin, Lorraine Binette, Donald St. Jean, Jacqueline Beaupré, Robert Leblanc, Leonard Laflèche, Roger Arsenault, and Nelson Leblanc.



SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS

Left to right:—Roland Boisvert, treasurer; Claudette Ouellette, vice-president; Madeleine Cournoyer, secretary; Joyce Cormier, librarian; and Bernard Robert, president.

Sophomore Class History

As we, the Sophomores of Notre Dame High School, look back we remember September 4, 1952.

That day marked many big events. No more shall we be called "Lowly Freshmen" but we enter our Alma Mater as full-fledged "Sophomores". Our one dread is the dividing of our class because of courses. From 28 pupils, 18 chose classical and 10 commercial.

We elected the following Class officers: Bernard Robert, President; Claudette Ouellette, Vice-President; Roland Boisvert, Treasurer; Madeleine Cournoyer, Secretary; Joyce Cormier, Librarian. Donald St. Jean, Chairman; Roland Boisvert, Pauline Courtemanche, Claudette Ouellette are named to the Social Committee.

November 16, 1952:

The class today proudly congratulated Marie Haling and Donald St. Jean who so magnificently represented us in the Bishop Wright Declamation Contest. Marie won top honors in the semi-finals for the Freshman-Sophomore division. And Donald does by no means shame us.

December 12, 1952:

Tonight our boys face Wells High in the first basketball game of the season. Our class proudly boasts of several top stars. Victory is not ours but we are nevertheless mighty proud of the wonderful spirit the team has shown.

January 6, 1953:

Oh, Roland, now what have you gone and done? Nine fingers do little good; it's ten we need. Next time you decide to break a finger, please wait 'till after basketball season.

Again congratulations! This time to the commercial students for the excellent results in the O. G. A. contest. Leonard Lafleche receives a special pin for the bookkeeping and shorthand while everyone else has a certificate of merit.

February 9, 1953:

This is a day for the books. Dissection! The great biologists of 1952-1953 today dissected a worm for the first time. To the boys' great astonishment the girls not only enjoyed it but were eager for the next period in the lab.

And now our second scholastic year at Notre Dame is nearing sunset. How we dread seeing it pass for it was made so very pleasant by the hard work of our pastor, curates, and teachers. Our one consolation, however, is that two years are still ahead of us.

Mother Mary, please continue to guide us through these, the happiest years of our lives.

Claudette Ouellette, '55.



Freshman Class

First row, left to right:—Barbara L'Heureux, Beatrice Bernard, Jacqueline Lamothe, Anne Marie Normandin, Cecile Peloquin, Elaine Gregoire.

Second row, left to right:—Diane Phoenix, Mariette Bellrose, Lauria Saulnier, Charlotte Bourbeau, Jeannine Cloutier.

Third row, left to right:—Lorraine Roy, Florence Montigny, Sylvia Gregoire, Jeanne Boudreau, Constance Laflèche.

Fourth row, left to right:—Lucille Gendreau, Annette Lapierre, Pauline Picard, Réné Thibaudeau, Jeanne Frenière.

Standing, left to right:—Richard Williams, Robert Proulx, Raymond Brousseau, Donald Coutu, Richard Gregoire, Richard Patenaude, Alfred Langevin, Robert Arsenault, David Brodeur, Lionel Anger, Normand Guivremont, Robert Beaupré, Alfred Hevey, Paul Proulx, Paul Forcier and Gerald Marand.



FRESHMAN CLASS OFFICERS
Left to right:—Richard Grégoire, vice-president; Diane Phoenix, president; Charlotte Bourbeau, secretary; Robert Proulx, treasurer.

Freshman Class History

Vacations flew by and before we knew it there we were, the largest Freshman Class in the school history, waiting calmly, proudly, and eagerly to be admitted to Notre Dame High. One never saw 44 happier faces in any group on that memorable day!

Finally began the longed-for year. We were amazed at the amicable atmosphere in our school. Daily work and play have enabled us to see Notre Dame High pupils as they really are: kind, generous, brimming over with personality and friendliness.

Then dawned the big day awaited by everybody except, of course, us Freshmen. Initiation! ! ! Those Seniors surely have the ability to think up clever stunts. Imagine, we girls had to wear boots, raincoats, no make-up whatsoever and teabags for earrings, while the boys had to put on turbans, aprons and lipstick . . . We all had to carry our books in a pail and hold an umbrella open. The Seniors obliged us to bow to them and the Juniors burdened us with their books. The evening program opened with a scavenger hunt which paved the way for a jolly time. Robert Arsenault had to eat an orange, peel and all. Baby Brousseau took a cakewalk with a squashed tomato in his shoe. Beatrice Bernard became rich by successfully blowing away enough face powder to obtain a nickel that was at the bottom of a plate. After a tasty snack, Leo Boucher and Diane Phoenix were chosen king and queen of the dance held that night. Before we knew it, everyone was waltzing until 11, when the clock struck to end a mirthful day.

After the frolic of Freshman Week, came the serious business of selecting our class officers. We chose as President, charming Diane Phoenix; Vice-President, sedate Richard Grégoire; a business-like Treasurer, Robert Proulx; and skillful Charlotte Bourbeau as Secretary. Sister Louis-Hector and Sister Bernadette-Marie were our devoted teachers. Both tried to help us live up to our well-chosen class motto, "Res Non Verba."

On February 17, we celebrated Sister Louis-Hector's Silver Jubilee. On this special occasion we presented her red and white carnations to express our gratitude.

Quite a few good basketball players have emerged from our class. On the Notre Dame J. V. team are: Alfred Hevey, Richard Williams Richard Patenaude, Robert Proulx, Gerald Marand, and Paul Proulx. Keep your chin up, boys, we've got a grand team and there are plenty of seasons left.

Our Freshman Class of '53 had the pleasure of having the first orchestra dance with Al Hackey. It was a great success, thanks to our "roguish" chairman, Richard Patenaude.

Classes, tests, and report cards were gulped down, and before we knew it, June announced the end of a profitable year. The Seniors graduated, Juniors became Seniors, Sophomores were called upperclassmen and we, amid the glories which accompany the closing of school, left with the hard-earned title of "Sophomores."

To the "Freshmen-to-be" we wish to extend the heartiest welcome ever, and hope that good fortune will befall them always.

Barbara L'Heureux, '56.

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Athletics



THE VARSITY

Left to right: First row—Réal Brunelle, Raymond Desrosiers, Bernard Robert, Paul Forcier.
Second row:—Coach Leo Dandurand, Rev. Edgar Pelletier, athletic director, Dan Yvon, Roland Boisvert, Manager Arthur Rousseau.
Third row:—André Poirier, François Trahan, Fred Morin, Laurence Lavigueur.

Our First

The first baseball team in the history of Notre Dame High School was organized last year.

Coach Leo Dandurand was very busy getting the team in shape for the team's debut against St. Louis High of Webster on April 18. Mr. Dandurand was assisted in his coaching duties by Eddie Julian. Rev. Edgar A. Pelletier was faculty advisor of the squad. Workouts were held daily at the American Optical Co.'s athletic field. Most of the entire squad was made up of Freshmen and Sophomores, so the future looks rosy. These boys will have plenty of practice and experience by the time they play their last season at Notre Dame High.

Three hurlers were among the fifteen aspirants: Réal Brunelle, Paul Forcier, and Raymond Desrosiers. Catching duties went mainly to Frank Trahan, sometimes replaced by Fred Morin.

Other members of the team were Bernard Robert, Daniel Yvon, Roger O'Brien, André Poirier, Laurant Bourbeau, Sammy Lavigueur, Roland Boisvert, Robert Leblanc, Arthur Rousseau, and André Lavallée. Frank Trahan was captain of the squad and Victor Déspres was manager.

St. Louis High spoiled the first game for the Notre Dame nine, setting them back by a 22-4 score. But Notre Dame bounced back, with the help of the great pitching of Réal Brunelle, and stunned Cole Trade High 9-5. The team then lost four in a row: Holy Name (11-5), East Douglas (6-5), Assump-









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Baseball Season

tion (13-3), and Cole Trade (19-12). They then beat David Prouty High 12-10, with Ben Robert's four hits paving the way. They then dropped the last five games to St. Louis (10-4), Holy Name (19-8), Wells (20-6), East Douglas (14-1), and David Prouty High (11-5). These games total up to two wins and ten defeats for Notre Dame.

The team was not mainly concerned on how well the team would do in its first year. Most important was the fact that they were gaining experience for future seasons. Just the fact that they had a chance to play last year was enough.

The season did not end here, however, with the boys. Most of them played summer baseball under the name of the Southbridg Terriers. The coaching job was filled out by Eddie Julian. This team had a little more luck, winning five and losing eight.

The mentoring duties this year will be given entirely to Eddie Julian, with all the boys, excepting a few, returning to play again this year.

All in all, Notre Dame had a fairly good season considering the odds piled up against them. Notre Dame should have successful seasons in the future. So, to all the boys who will play, from the graduates who will be their fans, may you have many, many successful seasons. Good luck!

Roger O'Brien, '53.



THE VARSITY

Front row, left to right:—André Poirier, Laurence Lavigueur, François Trahan.
Second row, left to right:—Rev. Edgar A. Pelletier, athletic director; Raymond Desrosiers, Roland Boisvert, Daniel Yvon, Bernard Robert, Roger O'Brien, and Mr. Clifford Pontbriand, coach.

Basketball

Another season of basketball has been laid to rest, and Notre Dame High School held an unblemished record of no wins and seventeen defeats. You may laugh at this but, we took it on the chin like all good sportsmen do. Although we were losing all our games we were hopeful of winning one, even though it would mean that we would have to spoil our record, and this is what gave us the spark of hope.

This year we had a lot of practice and plenty of experience, since it was the first year we were entered in the Class B Division 2, of the Worcester County Catholic League.

Notre Dame had a swell "bunch of fellas" on the team. Big center André "Andy" Poirier who led, once again this year, in individual scoring. Notre Dame will miss his height off the boards next year. Daniel "Danny" Yvon and François "Frank" Trahan, guards; two very good players. Raymond "Ray" Desrosiers and Bernard "Benny" Robert, forwards; they sure could hustle. Other players on the varsity squad were: Lawrence "Sam" Lavigueur, Réal "Ray" Brunelle, and Roger "Legs" O'Brien. They also saw plenty of action. And I must not forget Roland Boisvert, who suffered a broken hand in practice, and was forced out in the middle of the season. He was "raking" those points up before he suffered that unfortunate accident. The team felt this loss but, Roland, after his mishap, never missed a game.

Our coach this year was, again as last year, Mr. Clifford Pontbriand. His coaching abilities are unquestionable; he is esteemed by the whole squad. We were fortunate this year in receiving a beautiful automatic electric scoreboard, donated by Mr. and Mrs. François Sansoucy and Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Larivière, and to their generosity we sincerely pay tribute.



Song

So Notre Dame High, Notre Dame High,
If you try you'll see . . .
That we know how to play,
And can't be beat.



Left to right:—Thérèse Miller, Sylvia Beaudry, Laura Bachand, Yvette Lapierre, captain; Claudette Ouellette, Pauline Courtemanche, Diane Phoenix, Victor Rochon, mascot.

The Blue and White Cheering Squad

Perhaps our boys did not fare so well in our basketball games but, we certainly were encouraged by the cheering section which represented our school.

In every group there are leaders, and to lead our cheering section we nominated seven wonderful cheerleaders

As Seniors we selected Yvette Lapierre to be captain of the cheerleaders. It was something altogether new to her, but she did a wonderful job.

The Senior class was also represented by Thérèse Miller, in her second year of cheering for Notre Dame High. These two girls, cheering for the "Blue and White," helped tremendously to spark that grand Notre Dame School spirit.

The Juniors gave us energetic Laura Bachand and Sylvia Beaudry to cheer on the squad.

The Underclassmen were represented by Claudette Ouellette, Sophomore, a grand leader in her second year of cheering; and Diane Phoenix from the Freshman class who gave vim and pep to our great squad.

No cheering squad is complete without a mascot. Chosen as the missing link to connect the chain was little Victor Rochon, Jr. This "little fella" took part in a majority of the cheers for the "Blue and White," and perhaps in later years the cheerleaders will cheer for him when he plays for Notre Dame High School.

May the cheerleaders who are staying, and those who will replace those leaving, keep that spirit of unity which exists at Notre Dame High.

Réal Brunelle, '53.



Girls Basketball

"If the boys can do it, so can the girls." This was the answer the girls gave the boys when they were kidded about the organizing of the girl's basketball team last year. Although the girls didn't have the opportunity to prove themselves, they were nevertheless determined to do so during this new season. After playing a few games the girls showed what they really could do. The boys finally had to give credit to the fairer sex.

Even though the season was not very long, the girls played with a true spirit of sincere team-work. And we can't forget the encouragement they received from the school and I must add, even from the boys . . . they were swell.

Their first game was with Charlton High School. Though the outcome was not victory, their spirit was far from subdued. Their second attempt to get winning honors was likewise foiled on the evening they met the North Grosvenordale High lassies in the latter team's home grounds. But the return game told a different story. Their hope was realized, their mission accomplished . . . they won — although by the slim margin of one point, it was a victory and they earned it.

This tribute would be incomplete without a note of worthy praise to Miss Lorraine Proulx, our capable coach. Her efforts were greatly appreciated by the girls. Her instructions will no doubt be very valuable in years to come. Thanks, Lorraine! !

And to you, Father Lucier, for your efforts in organizing Notre Dame's first girl's basketball team in the school's history, we are deeply indebted. We realize how difficult it must have been to find a coach for our little squad.

To you girls of this year's squad, we offer hearty congratulations! And to those of years to come, we, the Seniors of "53", wish the best of luck. Keep your ideals high and, with the help of God, you'll always win in some way.

Thérèse Miller, '53.

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Features



EDITORIAL STAFF

L'Etoile In

These two pages are dedicated to a group who have so diligently worked on the publication of this volume. A group that has worked as one with co-operation and patience is a great asset to the Editor. I cannot express in words the gratitude which is due to you, my staff, Editorial and Business, and all the members of the Senior Class of '53.

In this tribute we cannot forget our teachers who have helped us in our copy.

We now come to pay tribute to one who has worked for the success of this book to an inconceivable point. He kept our hope up when work seemed to be crushing. We can all heartily agree to these words; and





BUSINESS STAFF

Left to right:—Thérèse Bérard, assistant business manager; Marie-Ang Laflèche, business manager; Prudence Gatineau, assistant business manager

The Making

Father Page, you can be sure that they come from the bottom of our hearts. Every time we look through this book, a thought of you will be in our hearts and a memory of a great Friend and spiritual Father.

And to our advertisers and patrons we sincerely give our thanks because without your financial aid this publication would have been impossible

To everyone who has in some way contributed to the success of L'Etoile may it be a living tribute to you.

François Trahan, '53.
Editor-in-Chief.





Tri Hi



On the 6th of June, a beautiful night except for the weeping of the clouds now and then, cars came from all directions; but all were going to a common destination — Notre Dame Hall. They were going to dance to the smooth music of George Otis' Orchestra. Happy couples came for this "One-night-of-the-year" to enjoy together an evening of fine entertainment. Many people came to see the splendid decorations. They sat in the balcony and enjoyed every minute of it trying to miss not a single thing. The charming young ladies with their escorts were beautifully arrayed in colors that were just rightly becoming to this lovely night in June — a night that will never be forgotten by those who shared its rapture.

A rose-garnished trellis of white, surrounded by grass spotted with white-colored stones, was the center of beauty of our decorations. We had pink, green and white streamers looping from light to light. It gave an atmosphere of spring.



Prom

Mid-evening was marked by the Grand March in which couples toured the spacious hall to the lively rhythm of the band. At this time it was the moment to decide which couple would be king and queen. It was difficult to choose a queen among so many charming and beautiful young ladies. Finally, the decision was made. They crowned Miss Rachel Brodeur as queen and her escort, Henry Fairbanks as king. They each received a gift.

After this the cheerful crowd was served punch. Dancing was then resumed while some had their photos taken under the trellis of roses. These photos will be the only visible proofs of our Prom. But the mirth and melodies of that "Loveliest Night of the Year" will forever remain printed in our album of memories.

Yvette Courtemanche, '53.





First row, left to right:—Jeannine Blanchet, Joan Paquin, Thérèse Bérard.
Second row:—Yvette Courtemanche, Pauline Courtemanche, Laura Bachand.
Third row:—Claudette Ouellette, Constance Langlois, Lauria Saulnier.
Fourth row:—Richard Patenaude, Lorraine Roy, Roland Boisvert.
Fifth row:—Gérard Robert, Alfred Langevin, Roger O'Brien, Donald St. Jean.

Social Committee

We are exceedingly proud to write about our social group which is in its second year of existence. The Social Committee was organized to provide clean and wholesome fun for the youth of our community.

This year we were led to our achievements by our able chairman, Laura Bachand, who strived to make this organization a great success.

All of the students must be indeed congratulated for the fine spirit in making the weekly dances a success. Without doubt, we must commend with a "Summa cum laude" the sixteen members on this Committee whose aim was to give proper balance to our education by providing for our social life.

The Senior class was well represented by Roger O'Brien, Gérard Robert, Thérèse Bérard with Yvette Courtemanche as alert chairman.

The Juniors gave us: Constance Langlois, chairman, assisted by Joan Paquin and Jeannine Blanchet.

The ever-hard-working Sophomores were led by Donald St. Jean, chairman, with Roland Boisvert, Pauline Courtemanche, and Claudette Ouellette.

Of course, we can't forget our Freshmen, who came through with flying colors under the leadership of Richard Patenaude, chairman, while Alfred Langevin, Lauria Saulnier, and Lorraine Roy gave a helping hand.

This has been a job well done under the guidance of our moderator, Father Page. May everyone keep up the good work under the leadership of our Blessed Mother.

Réal Brunelle, '53.








Dearest Mother of Heaven, Virgin most pure, please guard all of us who attend these social gatherings against all evil, so not to offend thy merciful Son.



Glee Club

Les 14, 15 et 22 mars trouvèrent réunis dans notre belle salle Notre Dame une cinquantaine de jeunes artistes prêts à transporter les gens en un pays enchanté. C'est le grand concert donné par la chorale de notre école supérieure. Ma soeur supérieure, assise avec nos religieuses, nous regarde avec un sourire encourageant. Notre indispensable Soeur Marie-de-Montfort s'exécute d'une manière admirable, et avec notre Normand si talenté qui nous dirige, tout se passe à merveille. Les applaudissements résonnants nous donnent un élan nouveau et nous terminons notre concert avec le "Star Spangled Banner" qui est toujours une des meilleures manières de compléter une soirée de Franco-Américains.





Concours de

Un juriste français écrivait un jour cette parole que nous jugeons d'une opportunité heureuse:

> "Le geste magnifique n'est pas celui qui essaye d'éteindre les lumières du ciel, mais celui qui travaille à les allumer chez les petits, chez les simples, chez les pauvres, avec autant de sollicitude et de respect que chez les savants, les grands. Mais ce geste, les imitateurs du Christ savent seuls le faire; c'est une gloire qu'on ne parviendra pas à leur enlever."

Le Père de nos âmes, l'évêque de ce diocèse, Son Excellence Monseigneur John J. Wright, est l'un de ces allumeurs de talents et d'énergies au service de toutes les causes. Et l'une des causes qui lui tiennent le plus au coeur c'est, croyons-nous, l'éducation des enfants, des jeunes — la formation complète et brillante des étudiants de toutes races, de toutes langues.

Au début de l'année scolaire 1950-1951, par la voix de notre Secrétaire du Bureau de l'Education, le Révérend Raymond Page, Son Excellence Monseigneur Wright ouvrait un Concours de Déclamation, engageant paternellement le personnel enseignant des Ecoles Supérieures du diocèse à présenter des élèves, afin d'habituer nos jeunes à parler en public, à s'exprimer avec correction, intelligence, voire avec grâce, chacun dans SA LANGUE MATERNELLE.

Stimulés par cette invite précieuse, et animés d'un grand désir de cultiver nos Franco-Américains, les professeurs de français n'hésitèrent pas à donner dans le mouvement. Ils embauchaient la tâche redoutable de faire triompher la langue d'une minorité dans un pays ou l'anglais est officiellement reconnu et accepté, mais ils avaient la certitude que les promoteurs du concours de Déclamation possédaient une culture transcendante et universelle, et qu'ils étaient au-dessus des bornes suscitées par le chauvinisme ou autres anomalies de même acabit.

La perspective d'un travail surérogatoire aboutissant à une lutte serrée n'effraya pas longtemps les jeunes concurrents, et c'est d'un coeur léger qu'au jour indiqué les trois candidats choisis par le bon Père Page se rendaient à Webster, lieu designé pour l'épreuve éliminatoire. Mademoiselle Madeleine Lévesque et Monsieur Normand Gagnon représentaient le groupe junior-senior, et Mademoiselle Claire Robert, la classe freshman-sophomore. Toutes deux, Madeleine et Claire, furent jugées de premier mérite.

Le dimanche suivant, au concours final de Worcester, dans une salle remplie



De gauche à droite:—Soeur Marie-de-la-Réparation, Claire Robert, François Trahan, Donald St-Jean, Marie Haling.

Déclamation

à capacité, et sous la haute présidence de Monseigneur Wright, les concurrents des "High Schools" donnèrent une séance artistique d'une assez haut cotage. Son Excellence proclama Mademoiselle Claire Robert gagnante du groupe freshman-sophomore, et lui fit l'honneur de lui remettre le trophée sur-le-champ. Notre Académie garde fidèlement le souvenir de cette minute mémorable. Et c'est avec respect et fierté que nous avons conservé, une année durant, la marque de distinction que l'élite culturelle et intellectuelle de notre diocèse nous avait accordée avec impartialité . . . Avec élégance aussi, puisque la solennité et le sérieux de ces assises ont été illuminés par le charme et le sourire de l'un des plus remarquables dignitaires de l'Eglise catholique, aux Etats-Unis

1951-1952—L'initiative a fait boule de neige, et le concours s'avère intéressant: à l'épreuve préliminaire, le zélé Père Page n'a que l'embarras du choix. Il opte enfin pour Claire Robert et François Trahan, élèves de troisième année de notre Académie, et décide que Thérèse Fortin et Donald St-Jean représenteraient la division freshman-sophomore. En semi-final, Claire Robert tient haut la dragée: elle ira prendre part au grand final. Cette fois, nos compatriotes de langue anglaise remportent la palme après nous avoir fait l'honneur de la disputer de façon assez serrée.

1952-1953 — Dès l'ouverture des classes, le Cours de Déclamation appèlle toutes les bonnes volontés, et l'on se dit décidés à gagner la victoire. Au concours préliminaire . . . les candidats de l'année précédente, Claire et François, sont en vedette: le cher Père Page de dire: "Ils sont merveilleux tous les deux." Il décide de les envoyer au semi-final de Worcester avec, cette fois, Mademoiselle Marie Haling et Monsieur Donald St-Jean pour représenter le groupe freshman-sophomore. Les deux jeunes filles sont proclamées gagnantes. A la date indiquée, elles se rendent au St. Mary's High School Auditorium pour la joute finale. Le personnel de l'Ecole Supérieure veut les suivre. Ceux qui en sont empêchés leur accordent leurs voeux, leurs prières instantes.

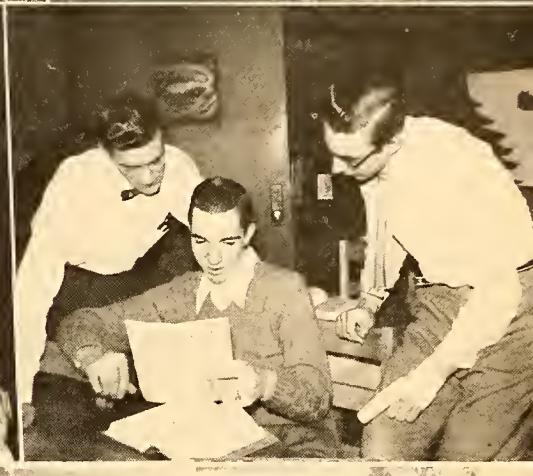
Un grand honneur rejaillit sur les professeurs et les élèves du High School de Notre-Dame de Southbridge au moment où Son Excellence Monseigneur Wright monte sur la scène de l'Auditorium, et, avec la dignité et la belle amabilité qu'on lui connait, proclame parmi les noms des gagnants celui de NOTRE CLAIRE ROBERT, qui a fait moisson de lauriers. Il est facile d'imaginer les acclamations enthousiastes et les applaudissements qui éclatèrent surtout au sien du groupe des spectateurs formé par ses compagnes et compagnons, au moment où Son Excellence lui remettait personnellement le symbole de son triomphe.



"Farewell! That word has broken hearts
And blinded eyes with tears;
Farewell! One stays and one departs,
Between them roll the years . . .











"Adieu! Such is the word for us,
'Tis more than word — 'tis prayer;
They do not part, who do part thus,
For God is everywhere."

Rev. Father Ryan.

Senior

An Imaginary Trip



Let our minds wander into the vast world of learning, science and fine arts. "Which do you prefer? That of fine arts? Good." Then, let us proceed to the Museum of High School Souvenirs. This building comprises four large rooms, exceptionally beautiful to each of us because these rooms contain cherished memories. As we enter, the keeper takes us to the first room called "Freshman Room." Paintings like "Getting Acquainted," "Election Day in the Classroom," "Sr. Superior's Feast" and "A Day at Rivier College" are displayed.

Let's get a closer view of these paintings, starting with the first one "Getting Acquainted." On this painting we see the pupils from Notre Dame and Sacred Heart getting acquainted with each other and meeting their teachers, Sr. Marie-de-la-Réparation and Sr. Elizabeth-de-Hongrie. Now let us examine another painting.

The next painting that we shall examine is "Election Day in the Classroom." On the painting we see Sr. Elizabeth-de-Hongrie explaining to the class how we should go about our election; and then the delegate with the majority of votes would be elected. The following were elected: President—Claire Robert, Vice-President—Thérèse Miller, Secretary—Prudence Gatineau, Treasurer—Roger O'Brien, and Librarian—Yvette Courtemanche. The remaining two paintings "Sr. Superior's Feast" and "A Day at Rivier College" are picturesquely described by their titles.

The keeper then takes us into the second large room called "Sophomore Room". In this room we find "tableaux" like "Election Day", "The Bishop Wright Declamation Contest", "Young People at a Halloween Party", and "The Crowning of the Blessed Virgin".

"Election Day". This "tableau" represents 10 girls and 3 boys with their teacher Sr. Marie-de-la-Réparation choosing the candidates for the election. Claire Robert—President, Yvette Courtemanche—Vice-President, Prudence Gatineau—Secretary, Thérèse Miller and Marie-Ange Lefleche—Treasurers, were elected as officers. Other teachers of that year were: Sr. Jean-du-Cenacle, Sr. Elizabeth-de-Hongrie and Sr. Hélène-du-Crucifix.

Then we go to the "Bishop Wright Declamation Contest" tableau. Here we see Claire Robert reciting "Le Petit Mendiant". Her recitation was very well received and thus she was awarded the beautiful trophy.

"Young People at a Halloween Party". In October we had a Halloween Party in which the whole school participated, each class contributing to the entertainment. Our class presented a song entitled "La Cantinière."

"The Crowning of the Blessed Virgin". Every year someone is chosen to crown the Blessed Virgin. This year Claire Robert was the one that had the great honor of crowning our Heavenly Queen.

The guide then shows us to the third room which is still more beautiful than the first two rooms. This room is entitled "Junior Room". In this room we see pictures like "Class Officers", "Declamation Contest", "Class Ring", "The Prom", "Banquet", "University of Massachusetts", "Taking a Trip to Canada", and "The Coronation of the Blessed Virgin".

"Class Officers". The class officers of our Junior Year were: Yvette Courtemanche—President, Marie-Ange Lafleche—Vice-President, Thérèse Miller—Secretary, Rachel Pleau—Treasurer, and Thérèse Bérard—Librarian. Our home-room teacher was Sr. Marie-de-Lourdes. Our other teachers were: Sr. Marie-de-la-Réparation, Sr. Jean-du-Cenacle, and Sr. Elizabeth de-Hongrie.

History

To A Museum

"Declamation Contest". At the annual Bishop Wright Declamation contest Claire Robert was successful at the semi-finals. Although she did not bring back the trophy at the finals, we all consider Claire as "Tops"!

One of the happiest moments of our Junior Year was the day we received our Class Ring. On the picture entitled "Class Ring" we see everyone trying on their rings and appearing rightly proud of them. We will always remember that day.

"The Prom." At last our turn came to plan for the prom. We all worked very hard so that we could get the best of everything for our "Prom". We are very proud to say that it was one of the nicest proms ever had.

"The Banquet". The Junior Senior Banquet was held at the Webster-Dudley Country Club. The invited guests were Monseigneur Lamothe and his curates.

"University of Massachusetts". François Trahan was chosen as a delegate to the Boy's State Convention sponsored by the American Legion and held on the University of Massachusetts campus.

"Taking a Trip to Canada". Claire Robert was chosen as delegate to the third "Congrès de la Langue Française" held in Canada, and lasting a week.

Now we go to the last picture in this room called "The Coronation of the Blessed Virgin". Yvette Courtemanche was the one upon whom was bestowed the honor of crowning the Blessed Virgin.

The guide is now taking us into the last room of the museum. This room is the largest one of all containing memorable paintings.

Paintings such as "Initiation", "Class Leaders", "The Annual Bishop Wright Declamation Contest", "Good Government Day", and "Concert" are displayed.

The first painting, "Class Leaders", we find François Trahan as President, Jeannette Beaudry—Vice-President, Claire Robert—Secretary, Prudence Gatineau—Treasurer. Our home-room teacher was Sr. Eustelle-de-l'Eucharistie. Our other teachers were Sr. Marie-de-la-Réparation, Sr. S. Jean-du-Cénacle, Sr. Marie-de-Lourdes, and Sr. Elizabeth-de-Hongrie.

"Initiation". A freshman party was held at the parish hall where we initiated the Freshmen for the first time.

"The Annual Declamation Contest" was held at Worcester. This year Claire Robert brought back a beautiful trophy. We are all proud of it.

"Good Government Day". François Trahan was chosen as our representative for Good Government Day at Boston.

"The Concert". The Notre Dame High School Glee Club presented a Concert on March 14 and 15 under the direction of Sr. S. Anne and Sr. Marie-de-Montfort. It was called "faultless" and we quote.

Now we see faintly becoming visible, developing negatives. We can see the outlines. On the first one we see our Junior-Senior Prom, our Banquet and finally, faintly but with hope, our Graduation, the Mass and then the awarding of the diplomas by Monsignor Lamothe, our beloved and devoted pastor.



And thus we have seen again those four years of our High School education, years filled with memories, memories of incidents, some of which are sad and others happy, but all of which we will never forget. Our lives were and will be, a combination of joys and sorrows but, holding God's protecting hand and guided by the Star of the Morn', we will reach our destination . . . Eternity, life everlasting.

Jeannette Beaudry, '53.











These Are

Favorites

Favorite Car	"Nellie"
Favorite Career	Girls—Housewife Boys—Hen-pecked Husbands
Favorite Comedians	Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis
Favorite Comic Strip	Dennis the Menace
Favorite Dish	Fried Clams
Favorite Expression	"It's for the Birds"
Favorite Hymn	The Rosary
Favorite Magazine	Catholic Digest
Favorite Movie	The Miracle of Fatima
Favorite Movie Actor	Stewart Granger
Favorite Movie Actress	Loretta Young
Favorite Orchestra	Montavani
Favorite Pastime	Sleeping
Favorite Radio Program	Classical Album
Favorite Record	Tell Me You're Mine
Favorite Singer	Nat King Cole
Favorite Songstress	Patti Page
Favorite Sport	Basketball
Favorite Subject	Biology
Favorite Television Program	This Is Your Life
Favorite Vocal Group	Notre Dame Glee Club
Favorite World Figure	Pope Pius XII
Greatest Need	Faith in God
Pet Peeve	The U. S. Draft
Favorite Rendezvous	Ted's Spa
Best-dressed girl	Prudence Gatineau
Best-dressed boy	Roger O'Brien
Best-natured	Réal Brunelle





Our Stars

Personalities

Best orator	Claire Robert
Best Sport	Thérèse Bérard
Did most for the class	François Trahan
Class baby	Roger O'Brien
Cutest	Yvette Lapierre
Dreamer	Yvette Courtemanche
Giggler	Réal Brunelle
Hardest worker	Jeannette Beaudry
Most athletic	André Poirier
Most consistent	Prudence Gatineau
Most dignified	Claire Robert
Most frank	Gérard Robert
Most inquisitive	Prudence Gatineau
Most likely to succeed	Claire Robert
Most modest	Jeannette Beaudry
Most optimistic	Marie-Ange Laflèche
Most pious	Jeannette Beaudry
Most polite	Thérèse Bérard
Most popular	André Poirier
Most reliable	Gérard Robert
Most serious	Rachel Pleau
Most sincere	Yvette Courtemanche
Prettiest	Thérèse Miller
Best Dancer	Gérard Robert
Best singer	Thérèse Miller
Most co-operative	Yvette Courtemanche
Most stubborn	François Trahan
Slowest	Marie-Ange Laflèche
Home-body	Rachel Pleau
Class comedian	Réal Brunelle
Best driver	André Poirier
Class Personality	André Poirier



















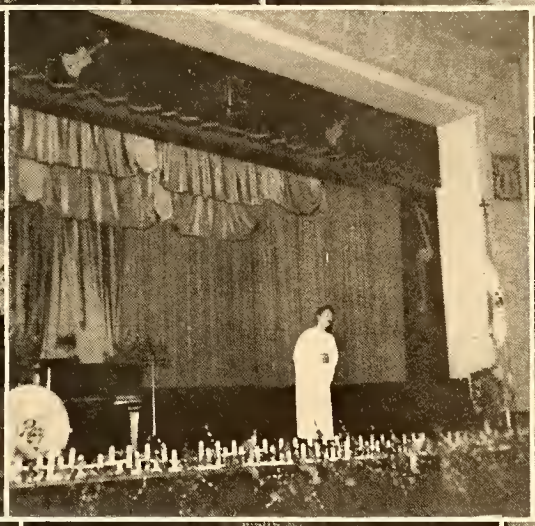
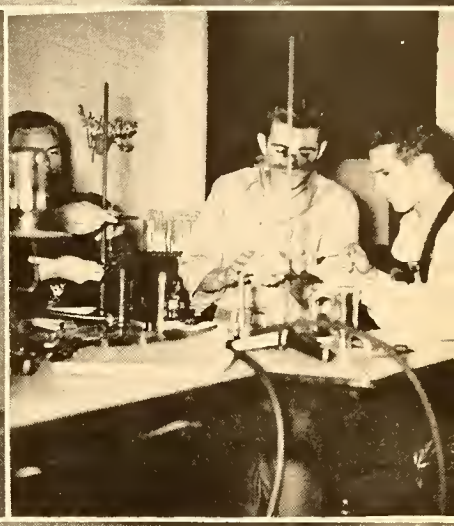
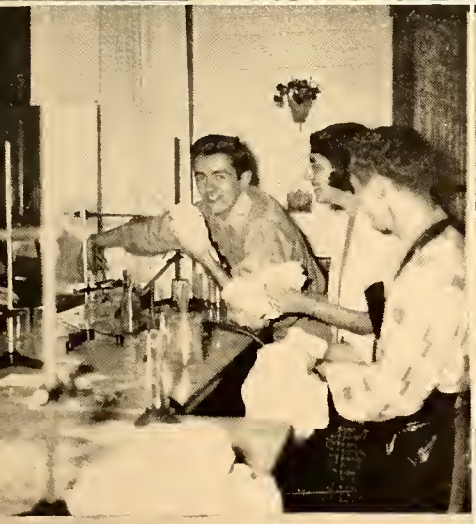







Class Colors: Blue and Gold











Class Motto: Verba Sonnant Actus Tonnant

Class Prophecy

It is the year 1963 and census-taking time in our fair town! Mr. So-N-So is off for the census. While glancing at his list, he realizes that he knows most of the people on it, for he remembers having seen them in High School. Yes, he remembers having been at Notre Dame High with them when they graduated in '53. Fine! He's curious to know how they all made out!

His first stop is the Trahan Estate. He rings and the chimes are heard throughout the 18 rooms. Having been admitted by the butler, he proceeds to the drawing room where he finds Professor Trahan, pipe in mouth, studying. "Good morning, Prof. Trahan, I'm Mr. So-N-So. Do you remember me from your High School days?" —"Indeed I do, Mr. So-N-So! Those good old days, eh, my boy?" — "Ah! Yes, but tell me about all your former classmates of that year. I know that you have founded the Ishkabibble School of Tetchnology and that you are now acting Precedent of all Tetchnologists. What about the others?"

"Well, Yvette Lapierre is now in Chinkytown, teaching 'Le laboureur et ses enfants' to a class of advanced Chinamen at the U-never-sitee of U-Standee.

"Marie-Ange Laflèche's wide experience with putting down figures in the columns of her journal at Robbins encouraged her to leave town and go to **Colum**-bus, Ohio, where she now occupies a wonderful position — that of putting down figures in the columns of her journal — only it's Blue Jay's this time. She is still trying to **figure** out why in the world she ever left **Home!**

"As the sole proprietor of a cat factory, Roger O'Brien has been doing very well. He loves cats and will pay anyone $5 for any cat brought to him dead of 15 days or more. When they're good and stiff, the Catsup dealers are more than happy to purchase them. Now you know what they serve you on hamburgers!

"Jeannette Beaudry has bought out Universal Tag and is now manufacturing chlorophyll tags with a peppermint flavor for the gummed labels. She has gone mad over the color and keeps on imagining that the Government is taking much too much from her.

"Terry Miller is now at the Met-your-politician Opera House giving special voice lessons to Dorothy Tear-Skin and Greasa Stevens. She has done a great number of Come-And-Perform-n-siz in England, Spain, Switzerland and France and is now in the 'Fall of Hame.'

"The last I heard, Claire Robert was in France, pursuing her studies in the French langvidge. She is now directing her own School of Screech in **Eek**-landia! She has won many cups from which she serves home-brewed tea to her friends.

"I believe Réal Brunelle, the 'don't-let-them-hatch-before-I-get-there' scientist, is in the densest part of Africa looking for specimens for his research work on the proper care and panhandling of rare insects called 'Odontscratchmybackimticklish.'

"Terry Bérard is now Mrs. Howe Yuben Latelee. She is now mother of 8 well-scrubbed-behind-the-ears offsprings who go around the house writing shorthand on all the white walls, much to mother's dismay.

"Trigonometry was always one of Yvette Courtemanche's favorite subjects, second only to Study Period. She must have known that it would help her in her future life because she is now making lots of money working for the Government. You see, she's greasing triggers for guns as they go by on the assembly line. It's usually dull but occasionally she gets a 'bang' out of it.

"Gérard Robert, as everyone knows, has been promoted from Secretary of Difference to Secretary of Slate in Washington. He likes it very much and hopes some day to become Vice-Press-And-Dent.

"I've been told that Rachel Pleau has become one of our leading contemporary poets. Her work is very original and treats of race discrimination which is a big problem in the lives of the Red and Brown fleas. She has been named poet **Lariat** by the Society of the Friends of Fleas.

"Prudence Gatineau has been awarded her 3rd degree by the Colleagues of the Monkeyseekill-Monkeydokill. She has excelled in the art of Monkeyseekill but is still trying for her 1st degree in Monkeydokill. I would be very curious to know what the future has in store for us poor unsuspecting people if she passes her test.

"Now, there's Andy Poirier who has now retired from the entertaining game of bounceball but who is coaching his seven-foot boys in that field. Perhaps you have heard of his team? It's called 'Ye Itty Bitty Pigmy Bounceball Teamy.' Have you?

"Quite a class we had in '53, don't you think????"

Claire Robert, '53.

Class Will

We, the Class of '53, being of sound mind and body, do bequeath to you this deed and do proclaim this document to be our final Will and Testament.

It is with heartfelt thanks, that we, Seniors of '53, leave to you, dear Sister Superior, this compiled volume of memories so very dear to us.

To the Administration we leave our most sincere thanks for all you have done for us over these years of formation and education, namely, for your patience, understanding, and your interest in our well being.

So that Dan will shine next season, Andy leaves to him his basketball ability. We hope you can fill his shoes, Dan.

Frank leaves to Ray Desrosiers his chair as Senior Class President. Preside over the Senior Class of tomorrow with concern so as to make that year a memorable, eventful, and successful one.

Though it may be a great loss to him, Andy leaves to Joan LaRochelle his Hot-Rod. Don't forget, Joan, it burns gas!

Though you don't need it, Connie, Claire leaves to you her grey matter. A little more never hurt anyone.

In order to keep you with us, Joan Paquin, Jeannette Beaudry leaves to you her much-needed waterwings and duck feet.

To continue the success of our renowned Glee Club, Thérèse Miller leaves to you, Sylvia Beaudry, her Nightingale Voice.

If a different tennis racquet will insure you victory, Sylvia Marand, Frank leaves you his.

It grieves us, June Proulx, to see you so close to the ground, (although your heart is lifted above), therefore, Terry Miller leaves to you her height.

Grill-man Brunelle leaves to you, Peggy Gervais, the recipe for the "Mathieu's Diner Hamburgers."

Because of your eloquence in the art of declamation, Thérèse Fortin, Claire leaves to you the trophy. Don't forget to keep it at Notre Dame.

Since you are seen but seldom heard, Ann Trudeau, the quiet one of the Senior Class, Gérard Roberts, leaves to you a firecracker. Remember, Ann, a little noise is a touch of cheer.

As a means to excite your love for the piano, Claudette Trahan, Yvette Courtemanche leaves to you her dexterity at the keyboard.

Having the ambition of some day being a hairdresser, Thérèse Bérard leaves to Joanne Roy, so that she might be of assistance to her father . . . a pair of scissors.

If you had Gerry Robert's height, Jeannine Blanchet, you would be a mighty big help to the Girl's basketball team. Therefore, Gerry gladly bequeaths his to you.

Knowing that you, Jeanne Lacasse, will soon be a Senior, Prudence Gatineau leaves to you that characteristic quality of a Senior, her quiet dignity.

So that you may be favorably regarded by Sister John as was Rachel Pleau, the latter leaves to you, Doris Martel, her ability in manipulating the key boards of business machines.

Hoping that you, Jacqueline Bergeron, will be amidst the mathematicians of the trigonometry class, Jeannette Beaudry leaves to you her clear understanding of the intricate Pythagorean theorem.

To you, Laura Bachand, Yvette Lapierre leaves the responsibility of cheering our boys on to victory. Laura, be proud of those colors, Blue & White.

Even though it breaks his heart to leave them, Roger O'Brien entrusts to you, Carmen Gendreau, the care of his cats. Remember, Carmen, they are his priceless possessions.

Because of your need for it, Theresa Berard bequeaths to you, Pauline Champigny, her inherited bottle of peroxide.

To encourage your bookkeeping, Marie Ange leaves to you, Alice Belanger, her Bookkeeping Award.

To Lucille Martel, Prudence Gatineau leaves her love of books. May you always find in them a source rich in entertainment and information.

Because of your radiant smile, Shirley Therrien, Rachel Pleau leaves to you her pretty dimple. "Have a smile for everyone you meet."

Your love of nature and the beautiful, Normand Jalbert, is your obvious characteristic; therefore, Ray Brunelle leaves to you his appreciation of the sciences of nature.

We, the Seniors of '53, leave to the present and future students of our Alma Mater, the responsibility of perpetuating the spirit, the atmosphere, and the name of Notre Dame.

François Trahan, '53.

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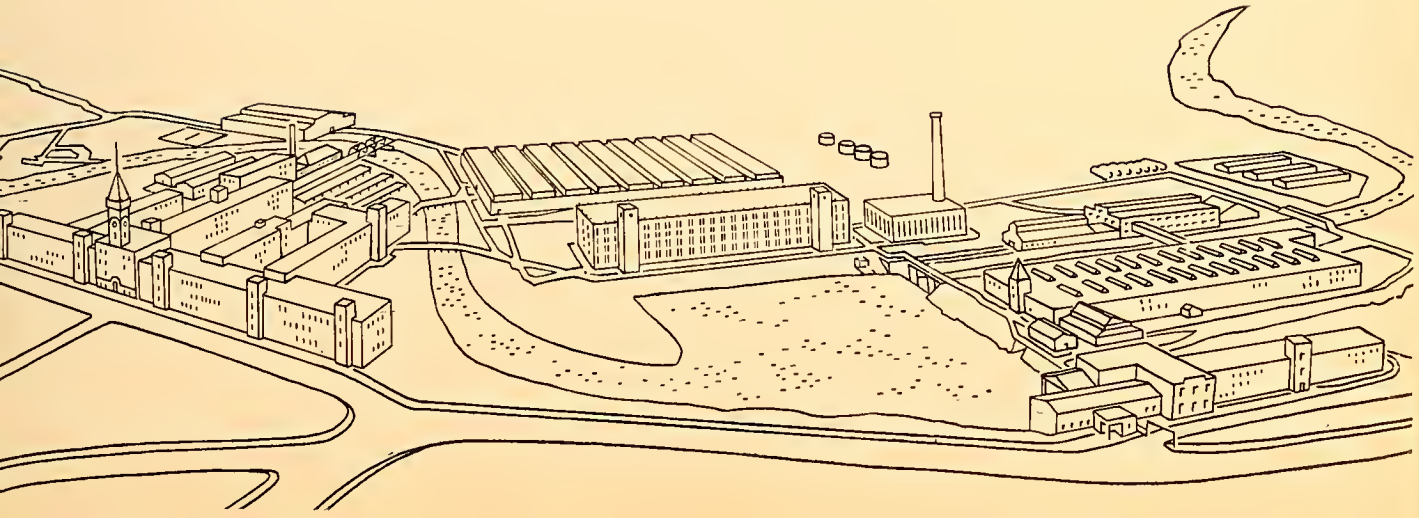
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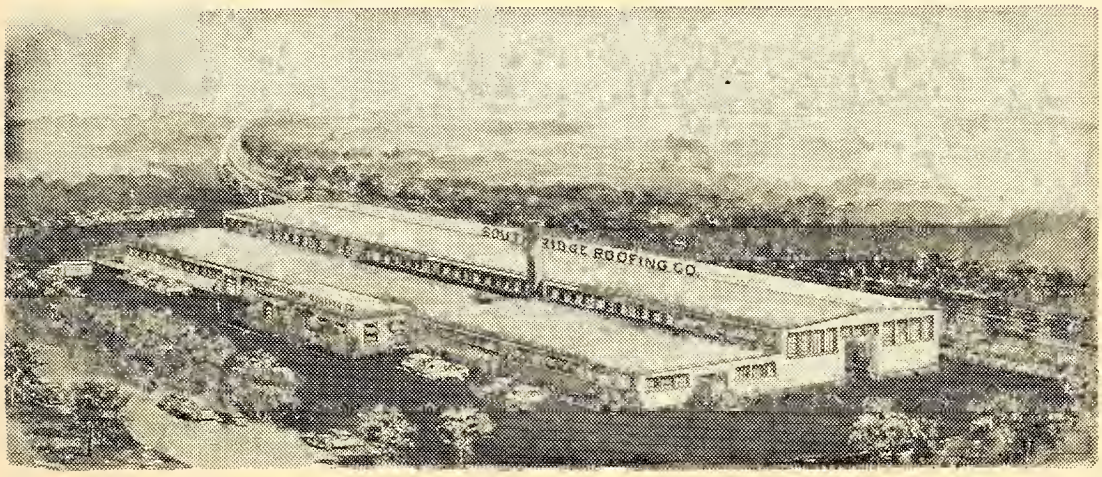
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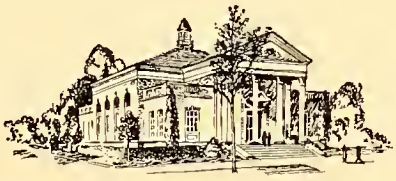
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